

MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA STAFF MEETING, 21 MARCH 1955

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PRESENT: [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] discussed the ORR/CSB meeting of last Friday. The paper on Career Development in the Geographic Area was discussed at the meeting. Neither the Economic nor Coordination Areas have yet prepared a paper on this subject. The Economic Area has held meetings with Division Chiefs to discuss the matter but nothing has been written. The Coordination Area may go along with the Economic Area paper, when it is prepared. [REDACTED] presented again his paper on Career Development, one feature of which would be cards on each individual describing the Career Development program worked out by the individual and approved by the supervisor. [REDACTED] is going to work with [REDACTED] in an attempt to define ORR policy on Career Development.

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2. [REDACTED] asked about the status of the project on new requirements for the Reading Panel. [REDACTED] reported that some discussion has taken place and that the project is underway.

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3. [REDACTED] asked about the informal reports on language students that are being received each week from OTR. He commented that the language instructor should tell his ORR students that he is sending reports on them each week. [REDACTED] will ask [REDACTED] to suggest this to OTR.

4. [REDACTED] commented on an item in a recent OCI Digest, which mentioned a study by Turkey and Pakistan of the Soviet Republic bordering Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan. The studies will be prepared by the General Staffs of Turkey and Pakistan.

5. [REDACTED] commented that approval has been received for three more people from the Geographic Area to attend the AAG meetings on official orders. These will be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] asked if there is a CIA Directive on the subject of attendance at professional meetings and [REDACTED] said that the only applicable Directive is a 1952 CIA Notice No. 22-52, which on 30 November 1954 was renumbered as CIA Notice 22-100-4. An ORR Notice on the subject is being prepared and is still in draft form. [REDACTED] commented that [REDACTED] of the Graphics Register is attending the meetings with a Recruiting Officer from Washington. [REDACTED] said that he has asked St/A to have a Recruiting Officer available at Memphis, Tennessee on Wednesday, April the 13th.

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6. [REDACTED] discussed some problems mentioned in the D/GG Monthly Report. The one on clerical problems can be solved only by transferring professional slots to clerical, as an increase in the T/O has to be worked out by the Management Staff and is probably impossible at the present time. Three other problems-- concerning scheduled courses that are cancelled even when requested, international conferences and clipping of documents--are to be handled by [REDACTED].

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8. Mr. [REDACTED] reported that the AD/RR wants to replace [REDACTED] with a Requirements Officer from St/I, as the work on the Travel Folder program is becoming more and more concerned with requirements. Mr. [REDACTED] will probably replace Mr. [REDACTED], but we will probably continue sending a geographer to the slot now occupied by Mr. [REDACTED]. There was some [REDACTED]

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9. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] are going to [REDACTED] soon and wondered if they would visit Washington. Mr. [REDACTED] said that he thought [REDACTED], an economist, is expected here but did not know about [REDACTED].

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10. [REDACTED] handed out copies of a memorandum from [REDACTED] concerning a proposed symbol for [REDACTED] projects. This will be discussed at the staff meeting next week.

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12. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] is transferring to an overseas post and will soon start on a training program.

13. It was decided that D/GL, D/GP and D/GC should be put on distribution for the OCI Weekly, and that D/GC and D/GP also would like to receive the OCI Digest(Daily). [REDACTED] will arrange for this distribution.

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*14. Another subject discussed in the ORR/CSB meeting was a proposal by the Personnel Office to establish group levels of activity. An example might be the GS-14,15 group, which in a given unit might include both research people and administrators. The proposal is intended to permit high grades for professional people who do no administration. This might result in a GS-15 Senior Analyst working under a GS-14 supervisor. The staff meeting group agreed that having both at the same grade level would be acceptable but that it would be unacceptable to have the supervisor at a lower grade than the individual whom he supervised.

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*15. [REDACTED] requested that consideration be given to D/GP's informal arrangements with OCD, which permit by-passing of the ORR Reading Panel on Mission Reviews and PI reports. This saves two or three weeks. Also, that the Air Force Reading Panel sends photography over to OCD before distributing in the Air Force. This photography must be processed in forty-eight hours, then it goes back to the Air Force.

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